

## MARCH 2023 PROGRAMS

All programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Programs meet at the Houghton's Pond Visitor Center unless otherwise noted. Inclement weather may cancel programs. To confirm or for more information call (857) 208-8498. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/covid).

**Tuesdays,  
March 7 & 14**

### **NATURE'S CLASSROOM, 10:00 am—11:00 am**

On Tuesday mornings, learn all about the natural side of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

#### **March 7 —A Murder Most Fowl**

Crows are remarkably social and intelligent animals. These clever birds have long been a source of fascination and lore. See how different cultures have viewed crows throughout history and how these myths are often supported by the newest science.

#### **March 14 —Fox Talks**

Discover the clever foxes of the Blue Hills and how they adapt to the changing seasons and make them home here in unexpected ways.

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### **EXPLORING BLUE HILLS, 2:30 pm—4:00 pm**

On Tuesday afternoons, explore the lesser seen parts of Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.

#### **March 7 & 14—Burnt Hill Path Hike**

Explore the hidden trails behind Houghton's Pond. About a 2.5-mile easy to moderate hike. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. Meet at Visitor Center.

**Wednesday,  
March 8**

### **GREAT BLUE YONDER HIKE, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm Meets at Trailside Museum Parking Lot.**

Join us on a moderate hike to the highest point in MA south of Boston and enjoy the majestic views from the top of Great Blue Hill. Suitable for adults with hiking experience. Bring drinking water and dress for the weather. Inclement weather or icy trails may cancel. Please call ahead to confirm.

**Thursdays,  
March 2, 9,  
& 16**

### **HISTORY IN THE HILLS, 9:00 am—10:30 am**

On Thursday mornings, learn about the history of the Blue Hills Reservation. Accessible lectures at Visitor Center. For adults and children over 12.

#### **March 2 & 16—First People of the Hills**

What was life like in these hills before Europeans arrived? How did the First Peoples here live? We will respectfully explore the lives, culture and practices of the Massachuseuk people, before and after European contact.

#### **March 9 —The Tree Army**

During the Great Depression, President Franklin Roosevelt sent millions of young men to improve and expand the parks of America. Come learn their incredible story here in the Blue Hills. Accessible, meets at Visitor Center. See photo below of 1170 CCC Company at Blue Hills Reservation in October 1935.



### **Blue Hills Reservation**

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coming events

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## PROGRAMS CONTINUED

- Thursdays,  
March 2 & 9

**WINTER WONDERS SERIES, 3:00 pm—4:00 pm**  
Join us to experience the winter wonders of the Blue Hills!  
**March 2 —Evergreen Winter Walk**  
The plants of Massachusetts have adapted to hard New England winters, and some thrive in it, like the evergreen plants and trees of the Blue Hills we will discover on this all ages program.  
**March 9 —Hibernation Holiday**  
Ever wonder where snakes, turtles, and other cold-blooded animals go when the temperatures drop and the snow falls? Come find out on this fun and informative all ages program.
- Fridays,  
March 3, 10,  
& 17

**KIDLEIDOSCOPE, 10:00 am—11:00 am**  
Join us for a nature crafts and nature facts! Each week we will features a different nature theme and a craft on that theme. Suitable for ages 4-10 with an adult.
- Saturdays,  
March 4 & 11

**FAMILY NATURE EXPLORATION, 10:00 am—11 am**  
On Saturday mornings, explore what nature has to offer in the Blue Hills Reservation. For families and curious adults.  
**March 4 —Animal Detectives**  
Animal tracks tell the story of wildlife in the forest—where they go, what they eat, and who is trying to eat them. Learn how to tell what these animals are up to when no one is around.  
**February 11 —Talking Trees**  
The story of the forest is told in its trees. They are living beings and have strange and fascinating ways to communicate with one another. Learn what these silent giants can tell us if we know how to listen.
- Saturdays,  
March 4 & 18

**NICE & EASY HIKES, 1:00 pm—2:30 pm**  
Looking to get outdoors and take a gentle, guided hike in the beautiful Blue Hills? Join us for our weekly series of leisurely paced nature hikes (1.5-3 miles long). Learn about nature at your own pace and make some friends along the way. All ages.

## SPECIAL HIKES

- Saturday,  
March 11

**SE MA ADULT WALKING CLUB HIKE,**  
**1:30 pm—3:30 pm**  
Moderately difficult Ponkapoag Pond hike. Join us for a 5-mile hike over level terrain. Meet at Fisherman’s Beach at 1100 Randolph Street in Canton. Bring drinking water and wear sturdy winter hiking boots and clothes. For ages 16+ years. If weather or trail conditions are questionable, please call (857) 208-8498 to confirm. See image below of Ponkapoag Pond.

